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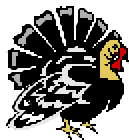
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady. Heavy sales of packer label hens and toms sold for prompt shipments. Inquiry was mixed for prompt and deferred deliveries. Offerings are available and held with confidence. Parts and meats trading was moderate. Supplies were adequate to short of needs.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to moderate. Demand was fairly good. Offerings were in a full range.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 28, 2005**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	1100	APR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	67-68	67.33	240	73.50	320	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	3120	APR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	67	67.00	40	73.50	320	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	480	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	67	67.00	480	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	480	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	66	66.00	1040	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF APRIL	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	67.00 **	66.00	65.20 **	EASTERN REGION	65.86	64.69	64.52
CENTRAL REGION	67.33	66.50	64.60 **	CENTRAL REGION	65.12	64.04	64.32
WESTERN REGION	67.00	66.20 **	65.50 **	WESTERN REGION	66.12	65.04	65.16
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	65.20 **	65.00	66.50 **	EASTERN REGION	64.50	63.14	64.27
CENTRAL REGION	67.00	66.49	65.00	CENTRAL REGION	64.17	62.46	64.14
WESTERN REGION	66.00	64.00	66.00 **	WESTERN REGION	64.86	63.04	64.39

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 02-MAY-2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	81.55	167,500
16-24 lbs.	77.40	50,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	232,500
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 23-Apr-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	PW	WT	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	WT
North East	643	-13	25.38	(A)	644
South Atlantic	716	20	32.78	(A)	716
North Central	1,996	1	33.18	(A)	1,996
South Central	625	27	21.62	(A)	625
West	320	1	23.41	(A)	320
U.S. total	4,300(B)	4	29.54	1	4,301
To-date					
2005	65,471(B)			50	65,521
To-date					
2004	67,274(B)			123	67,397

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 15,000; for the current year to date 370,000; for last year to date 727,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March	443,608*
April 1 - 23, 2005	319,270*

To date 2005	1,553,918*
To date 2004	1,520,938*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 23-Apr-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,646	2,639	15	1	4,301
Avg Wt	16.19	37.89	25.55	31.40	29.54
Last week	1,564	2,555	11	2	4,132
Same wk yr ago	1,743	2,527	52	2	4,324
Avg Wt	16.13	37.32	25.47	35.84	28.63
To-date/2005	24,807	40,294	370	50	65,521
To-date/2004	27,053	39,494	727	123	67,397

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT,** FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 APRIL 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to fully steady, tom necks steady to firm, tom full-cut wings mostly steady, and tom 2-joint wings steady to instances barely steady. Inquiry on tom necks and drums moderate to instances good, tom wings light. Offerings of tom necks short of buyers' needs, tom drums light and spotty, tom full-cut wings light to adequate, tom 2-joint wings uneven ranging from to instances fully adequate. The market tone on hen 2-joint wings was unsettled ranging from barely steady to fully steady, hen necks at least steady, balance of hen bulk parts mostly steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings in a full range, balance light to adequate with most items going into tray pack. Trading slow to moderate with market activity centered on fresh tom breast meat. Hen 2-joint wings traded at 70 cents transferred in storage.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	153.26	38
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	40.00	1
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	41.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	37.50	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	27.15	317
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	26.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	41.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	90.00		90.00	40
NECKS, TOM		F	25.26	108
NECKS, HEN		W	23.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	171.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	169.00-172.00		169.89	360
THIGH MEAT		F	87.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.70	135
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	137.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	106.00	12
TENDERLOINS		W	148.00	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	153.00		153.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00		170.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	30.00		30.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.50		42.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00		28.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	44.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	32.50	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	85.88	208

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on breast trim, fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins was at least steady, frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins steady to fully steady, fresh wing meat with skin and scapula steady, frozen wing meat with skin and scapula steady to barely steady. Demand moderate to instances good on fresh tom breast meat due some further processors noting improved cooked and deli demand. Demand on frozen wing meat with skin was extremely light, however, some processors were starting to note improved fresh demand, balance light to moderate with breast trim the most active. Offerings of breast trim light at best, frozen wing meat with skin adequate to instances burdensome, scapula adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat adequate. Trading heavy on frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: livers 22 cents shipping point, fresh scapula 119-128 mostly 119-120, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 139 cents delivered. For export: mature and young hen drums 36 cents shipping point, tom necks 25, fresh thigh meat 90 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.00		102.00	120	102.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	153.26	38	153.26	38
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	240		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.35	114	41.35	114
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00		42.00	80	42.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	37.50	60		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	27.15	317		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	26.00	20	26.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	44.00		44.00	20	42.00	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	80.00-83.00		81.50	40	82.17	120
NECKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	100	24.00	100
NECKS, HEN		W	23.00	20	23.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	171.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00-172.00		171.14	280	170.44	640
THIGH MEAT		F	87.00	40		
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	92.70	135		
BREAST TRIM MEAT	139.00		139.00	80	138.33	120
SCAPULA MEAT	106.00-107.00		106.84	76	106.84	76
TENDERLOINS		W	148.00	25	148.00	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	151.00		151.00	60	151.80	100
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	169.00-170.00		169.33	40	169.66	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	34.00	40	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	31.00-34.00		33.89	83	30.93	283
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	42.50	40	42.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	52	27.33	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	42.00		42.00	104	42.00	104
TAILS	22.50		22.50	52	22.50	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	32.50		32.50	80	32.50	132
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00-86.00		83.85	920	84.22	1128

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